

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

FRIDAY, JANUARY 18

- Brown Bag Lunch program, "Rawlins Trio," with Rodger Kelly on harpsichord at 12:05 p.m. at the National Music Museum located on USD campus, corner of Clark and Yale streets. Free and open to the public.
- Debate at Watertown (TBA).
- One-act play at Vermillion High School at 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

- Vermillion Area Farmers Market, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the 4-H Building, 515 High St.
- Overeaters Anonymous at 9 a.m. Location: Sanford Vermillion Medical Center, 20 S. Plum St., administration entrance just south of the hospital entrance in the board room. Overeaters Anonymous is a 12-step program for people with eating disorders and struggles.
- Debate at Watertown (TBA).

SUNDAY, JANUARY 20

- The St. Agnes Youth Group is having a French toast breakfast fundraiser from 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. at the St. Agnes gym. This fundraiser is for the St. Agnes Youth Group Winter Ski Trip in February to Mt. Kato, MN. There will be a free-will offering taken at the door. For more information, contact Ray Hofman at 624-6457. Catholic United will have matching funds for this project.

MONDAY, JANUARY 21

- Martin Luther King Jr. National Day of Service: The University of South Dakota will be honoring Dr. King's legacy by taking part in a national day of service. All members of the USD and Vermillion community are invited to register and participate in this wonderful event. Volunteers will meet at noon in the Muenster University Center for a brief orientation before heading out to various organizations in the community to perform service. The day's events conclude at 4 p.m. with reflection and re-orientation at the Muenster University Center. To register, visit <https://www.psychedata.com/s.asp?SID=147660>. For more information contact AWOL@coyotes.usd.edu or call (605) 677-6338.
- Al-anon meeting at 7:30 p.m. at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, corner of Main and Linden. For more information, call 624-9764.
- No school at Vermillion Public Schools and USD.
- Quad State Honor Band at USD at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22

- Vermillion Rotary Club meeting from noon-1 p.m. in the Freedom Forum Conference Room of the Al Neuharth Media Center.
- First Dakota National Bank to host AgriVisions 2013 at the Best Western Kelly Inn, 1607 E. Hwy. 50, Yankton, at 7 p.m. Featured speaker: Dr. Elwynn Taylor, Professor of Ag Meteorology at Iowa State University. Farmers, agri-business professionals and business owners are invited to attend. Registration from 6:30-7 p.m. Call 665-4904 or (800) 657-5826.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

- The Department of Labor and Regulation will be hosting a Job Search Assistance Program (JSAP) from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at 1024 West Cherry St. The JSAP is a free workshop for people recovering from job loss or enhancing their job search skills. Trained instructors speak on modern-day techniques used to successfully find employment. Topics covered are: resume, cover letter writing, interviewing etiquette, networking effectively, using social media and much more. Parties interested in attending should register by calling (605) 677-6900 before 3 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 22.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

- Free concert at 7 p.m. Red Earth Co-op will be hosting local folk/bluegrass/jazz favorite Jami Lynn. Enjoy live music and learn about the new co-op coming to Vermillion. Event will be at the store, 108 E. Main St., more details at www.redearthcoop.com.

PLANNING AHEAD:

- JAN. 26 — Overeaters Anonymous at 9 a.m. Location: Sanford Vermillion Medical Center, 20 S. Plum St., administration entrance just south of the hospital entrance in the board room. Overeaters Anonymous is a 12-step program for people with eating disorders and struggles.
- JAN. 26 — "Speakeasy Party" at the Eagles, 114 W. Main St. from 7-11 p.m. Come dressed as your favorite gangster or flapper from the 1920s. Prizes awarded for the Best-Dressed Gangster and Best-Dressed Flapper. Proceeds benefit local charities.
- JAN. 27 — The St. Agnes Council of the Knights of Columbus are having their Free-Throw Contest at 1 p.m. at the Vermillion High School Gym. This free-throw contest is for boys and girls ages 10 to 14 years old. First-place winners in each age group will receive a T-shirt. For more information, contact Ray Hofman at 624-6457.
- JAN. 27 — The Yankton Literacy Council will be holding the third annual Scrabble Tournament at The Center, 900 Whiting Dr., Yankton. Registration is at 12:30 p.m. and the game will run from 1-4 p.m.
- FEB. 2 — Community Health and Wellness Fair from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Lee Medicine Building, Clark and Dakota streets on USD campus. Sponsored by Sanford Vermillion in partnership with USD Health Sciences departments and School of Medicine. Heart screening, blood draw screenings, speakers, demonstrations and more. (Appointment required for heart screenings.) Call 624-2611 or visit sanfordvermillion.org for complete schedule of events and heart screening cost.
- FEB. 5 — After-Prom Fundraiser/Dad's Belgian Waffles - All you can eat, from 5-7 p.m. at Vermillion High School Commons. Adults \$6 advance/\$7 at door; Kids 6-12 \$4 advance/\$5 at door; 5 and younger free. Advance Tickets available at all home sporting events, VHS office, Davis Pharmacy.

Former Vermillion resident returns from Afghanistan

United States Army Specialist (Promotable) Seth Mette recently returned from a nine-month deployment to Afghanistan in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

Mette is a member of the 704th Brigade Support Battalion of the Fourth Brigade Combat Team of the Fourth Infantry Division and is stationed at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs, CO. He served on the forward

operating base perimeter watch and the projects construction team for force protection during the deployment.

Mette was named the Battalion Soldier of the Month in June 2012 and was awarded the Combat Action Badge, as well as the Army Commendation Medal, the Army Good Conduct Medal, the Afghan Campaign Medal, the War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal,

the NATO Iraqi Afghanistan Sudan Medal and the Army Overseas Service Ribbon.

Mette is a 2000 Vermillion High School graduate and attended USD. He enlisted in July 2009. He and his wife Julia reside at Fort Carson with the children Lucien and Tori Rei. He is the son of Dale and Sandy Mette of Vermillion.

St. Agnes youth to serve breakfast

The St. Agnes Youth Group is having a French toast breakfast fundraiser from 9-10:30 a.m. Sunday, Jan. 20, at the St. Agnes gym.

The breakfast fundraiser is for the youth group's winter trip to Mankato, MN, skiing at Mt. Kato in February. There will be a free-will offering taken at the door. For more information, contact Ray Hofman at 624-6457. Catholic United will have matching funds for this project.

Giving Tree Project continues to flourish

In 2012, the ESA Giving Tree Project continued to flourish, making a meaningful difference in the lives of 257 young children/teens and their families.

Weeks later, the membership of the Theta Omega chapter of ESA remains grateful for the exceptional generosity of the Vermillion community. The list of business/organizational partners is lengthy and impressive.

The list includes HyVee, Market Street Café, Nook and Cranny, Pump and Pak, Wal-Mart, Whimp's Restaurant, Vermillion Ace Hardware, Nygren's True Value Hardware, City Hall, Sanford Hospital, Polaris, USD's Foundation, USD's North Dormitory Complex, USD's Phi Delta Theta Fraternity, Clay County 4-H, and Vermillion Rotary Club.

This level of participation, which ranged from displaying trees to funding/purchasing gifts to providing work space for Santa's ESA helpers, is unprecedented — and extremely welcome. A sincerely warm thank you is extended to all.

And of course, the ESA members also recognize the contributions of so many community members. Infused with holiday spirit, a countless number of largely unknown individuals reached out to the less fortunate by purchasing gifts and/or donating money. The women of Theta Omega recognize the selfless kindness of each gracious act and offer a collective — and genuine — thank you.

Despite the economic downturn, the Vermillion community remains enthusiastically supportive of the Giving Tree Project. This is a moving testimonial to its character and strength.

As longtime ESA member Barb Campbell said, "Vermillion is the best community in South Dakota; I wouldn't think of living anywhere else."

The entire membership of ESA (Theta Omega chapter) wishes the Vermillion community health, happiness, and prosperity in the upcoming year.

Vermillion Area Chamber of Commerce & Development Company
116 Market Street, Suite 103
Vermillion, SD 57069
605-624-5571
vcdc@vermillionchamber.com
www.vermillionchamber.com

Chamber Business:

Business After Hours: Are you looking for an opportunity to showcase your business and network with your peers? Sign up to host a Business After Hours event! These events generally run from 5-7 p.m. on a weeknight and the hosting business provides hors d'oeuvres and refreshments. If interested, contact Ann at annb@vermillionchamber.com or at 624-5571.

Announcements:

The Clay-Union Foundation is offering a \$500 community service scholarship to graduating seniors from Vermillion or Elk

Point-Jefferson High School. Applications are available at <http://www.clay-unionfoundation.org/> under the events tab. Students will be able to fill out the application online, and e-mail it directly for consideration. Applications will be accepted until March 1, and then reviewed by the board. Awards will be announced at their school awards night, with the scholarship given in January of their second semester. For further information, call John Gille at (605) 421-5050 or e-mail jgillerrsd60@yahoo.com.

Are you interested in an intern for your business? USD students are eager to gain real-world work experience with you! Internships can be paid or unpaid and students can gain college credit for their experience with you. If you are interested in accepting interns at your business, please contact Carly at Carly.Heard@usd.edu.



MLK Day Art of Peace asks: 'What is your dream?'

"What is your dream?" That is the question that the Vermillion Area Arts Council (VAAC) and the South Dakota Peace & Justice Center (SDPJC) are asking artists, writers, musicians and dreamers of all ages as they call for creative observations of peace for their Art of Peace exhibit in celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

The exhibit, which will feature presentations, artwork, and sculpture from a variety of area artists as well as local schoolchildren, is set to take place at Washington Street Arts Center (202 Washington St.) from noon-9 p.m. on Monday, Jan. 21.

The exhibit will also be open during school hours on Friday, Jan. 18, to allow area schools to bring students to visit in larger groups.

Local acoustic group Good People will provide peaceful melodies at 6 p.m. on Jan. 21, followed by the USD Chamber Singers at 7 p.m. Then local authors are welcome to share their work at an open poetry reading from 7:30 p.m. on. The will be a

variety of food, drinks and smiles throughout the afternoon and evening.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. once said, "I have a dream that one day every valley shall be exalted, every hill and mountain shall be made low, the rough places will be made plain, and the crooked places will be made straight."

The VAAC and the SDPJC invite our Vermillion community to share a dream of the world, not as it is, but as it could be. And together we can make our dream, King's dream, a reality.

The deadline to contact

organizers for art drop-off is Thursday, Jan. 17. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Becca Gehm, events chair, Vermillion Area Arts Council, at (605) 659-5283 or beccagehm@gmail.com, or Tom Emanuel, executive director, South Dakota Peace & Justice Center, (605) 920-8945 or sodakpjc@gmail.com.

Scholarship available from Clay-Union Foundation

The Clay-Union Foundation is offering a \$500 community service scholarship to graduating seniors from Vermillion or Elk Point-Jefferson high school.

Applications are available at the Web site <http://www.clay-unionfoundation.org/> under the

events tab. Students will be able to fill out the application online, and email it directly for consideration. Applications will be accepted until March

For further information, call John Gille at (605) 421-5050 or e-mail jgillerrsd60@yahoo.com.

CHAMBER CHAT

Sharing the Dream, 10 W. Main St., is having two months of sales on current inventory. Beginning the week of Jan. 14 all jewelry will be 25 percent off; the week of Jan. 21 all scarves will be 25 percent off; the week of Jan. 28 all purses/bags will be 25 percent off; week of Feb. 4 all kitchen/glass items will be 25 percent off; week of Feb. 11 all wood items will be 25 percent off and the week of Feb. 18 all children's items will be 25 percent off. Our products are handmade by Mayan artisans using many traditional

techniques. Purchasing these products not only provides work for these artisans, but the profits go to support community development projects in Guatemala. For more information, visit www.sharingthedream.org.

Exhibition: "Picturing Native: photographs from Edward Curtis, Horace Poolaw and Zig Jackson" at John A. Day Gallery located in Warren M. Lee Center for the Fine Arts on USD campus. On display through end of January.

Bariatric Seminar by Michael Haley, MD, FACS
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Dates & Locations:

Aberdeen
Best Western Ramkota
January 29 | 10 a.m. to Noon

Watertown
Event Center
January 29 | 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Mitchell
Highland Conference Center
January 30 | 10 a.m. to Noon

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January 31 | 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

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